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THIS IS OUR POST-FUNDING PLAN OF ACTION HERE.

THUS, THE LOW-ENERGY MAGIC BUSINESS IS PROMISING...

...AS THERE ARE FEW COMPETITORS AND WE CAN PREDICT HIGH RATES OF REPEAT CUSTOMERS.

CHAPTER 86: BETTING IT ALL ON A DARK HORSE

ORIGINAL WORK: SEKKA IWATA ARTWORK: YU AOKI

...

MAKING THEIR BIDS FOR A BIG INVEST-MENT!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

トーン TONK...

I'M SORRY.

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU, MAKINO-SAN. HOWEVER...

CLACK

GIVING US THE RUNAROUND AGAIN!

CLACK

"WE'VE BEEN ADVISED BY THE NEW ENERGY ASSOCIATION..." GIVE ME A BREAK!

HE WAS TOTALLY INTERESTED WHEN WE MADE THE APPOINT-MENT!

Interference!

Vision

WONDER IF HE'D WORK FOR US PART-TIME?

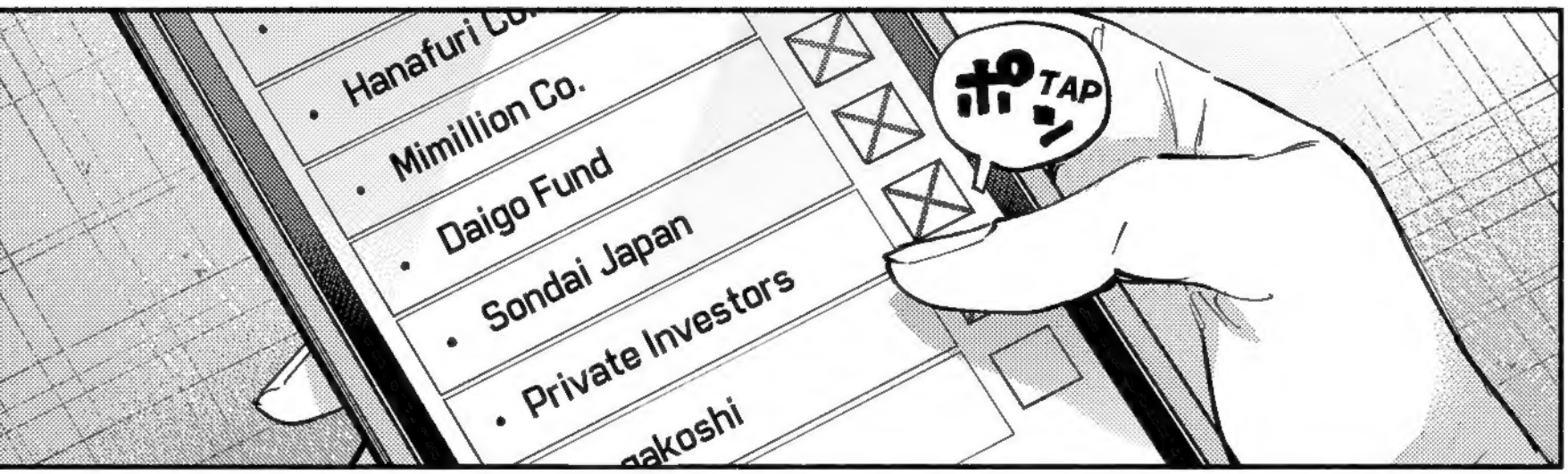
HE'S SO CONNIVING I CAN'T HELP BUT BE IM-PRESSED.

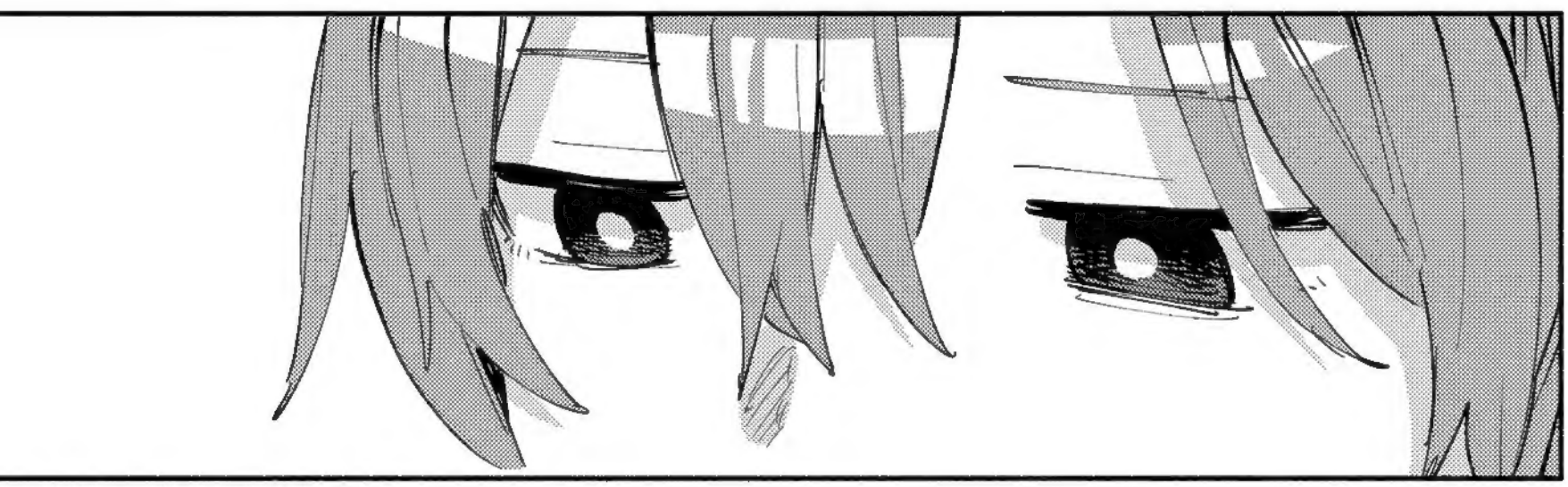
MIDORI-KAWA-SAN WAS A STEP AHEAD OF US.

THAT WORKA-HOLIC!

Down with Kama-kura!

HE'D HAVE A MENTAL BREAKDOWN WORKING LIKE THAT.





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IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'VE DONE YOUR RESEARCH, BUT...

...HOW CAN I PUT THIS? CAN'T YOU SPEAK IN YOUR OWN WORDS?

I HAD A ROUGH TIME WITH THE INTERVIEWS BACK THEN TOO...

...OR I GUESS YOU COULD SAY WITH "PRESENTING" IN GENERAL...

THIS BRINGS BACK BAD MEMORIES.

AND NOW, WE'RE PRESENTING WHILE DEALING WITH MIDORI-KAWA-SAN PULLING THE STRINGS...

POLITICAL POWER. STRATEGIC CUNNING.

YOU'RE LACKING IN ALL OF THESE.

WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THIS IS OUR LAST SHOT!

LET'S GIVE IT OUR ALL!

Clench

WHO IS IT EXACTLY?

I JUST PUT IN AN INQUIRY, SO IT'LL BE MY FIRST TIME MEETING THEM TOO.

BUT, UM...

BONG

I'M GETTING DÉJÀ VU OVER HERE.

IS THIS THE RIGHT PLACE?

And what's that weird noise?

BONG

MANNO-SUKE KURAIRI.

HE'S A PRIVATE INVESTOR.

RUN DOWN

...IT SEEMS A BIT SKETCHY, HUH?

BONG

BONG

PRIVATE INVESTOR

MANNOSUKE KURAIRI

Unknown

HIS PROFILE'S BASICALLY A BLANK PAGE.

I COULDN'T FIND MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT HIS INVESTMENTS.

BUT IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS...

BONG

BONG

...

TO BE FRANK, I'D RATHER NOT GO THROUGH WITH THIS.

WE'LL CALL KOSHI-GAYA-SAN IF WE NEED BACKUP.

...RIGHT.

キィィー CREAK

RIGHT!

BUT BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS! LET'S DO THIS!

BONG

AH.

IS THAT SO...

IT'S PRETTY DRY OUT TODAY.

I'LL PREPARE SOME TEA.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIX MY WOBBLY DESK.

玉露

IS THERE NO ONE ELSE HERE...?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

*LABEL: GYOKURO TEA

TWIP

TONK

JUST A LITTLE GAME!

A GAME?

WHAT'S THIS?

?

ONE HAS TEA.

CHOOSE WHICHEVER YOU LIKE.

THE OTHER JUST HAS CRUMPLED-UP TISSUE.

...

DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE.

YOU'RE PRETTY TENSE. IT'S JUST A LITTLE FORMALITY. WHY NOT PLAY ALONG?

THIS ONE.

Tap

Tok

THIS ONE MADE A HEAVIER SOUND WHEN HE PUT IT DOWN.

I SEE...

ALL RIGHT.

!

IT'S JUST AS THE NMEA SAID.

HERE TOO!

KH!

YOU HAVE LITTLE PROSPECT FOR GROWTH IN THE NEW ERA.

I'D ONLY LOSE OUT BY GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOU.

OH DEAR.

YANK

LET'S GO, SAKU-RAGI-SAN!

THIS PLACE IS LIKE ALL THE REST!

CLUNK

SPILL

CLATTER

MAKINO-SAN!

WAIT A MOMENT, PLEASE.

I HAVEN'T FINISHED SPEAKING YET.

ROULETTE, POKER, MAHJONG...

ONCE I GOT THE HANG OF IT, I WON QUITE A LOT.

WHILE I'M A PRIVATE INVESTOR NOW...

...I USED TO BE A BIT OF A BETTING MAN.

BUT...

IT ALL GOT OLD PRETTY FAST.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE I COULD KNOCK DOWN WAS MINUSCULE.

THE STAKES CAN ONLY GET SO HIGH IN ONE PLACE.

SO I CHANGED MY PLAYING FIELD...

...TO A PLACE WITH STAKES SO HIGH THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD HUNG IN THE BALANCE.

POP

BY THE WAY, DO YOU TWO KNOW...

...THE SECRET TO WINNING BIG?

SHF

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IT'S ALL ABOUT BETTING ON LOST CAUSES.

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PLONK

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I NEVER TOLD YOU WHICH JAR WAS THE WINNER, DID I?

YOU'RE EXACTLY THE LOST CAUSE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.

HOW-EVER...

YOU'RE OBSERVANT. YOU TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY.

MAYBE A BIT TOO SERIOUS TO BE ANY GOOD AT GAMBLING.

YOU'RE GOING AGAINST THE CURRENT. THE BIGWIGS ALL HAVE THEIR EYES ON YOU.

OUT-NUMBERED AND OUT-GUNNED.

BUT THAT'S FINE FOR A BUSINESS OWNER.

IT JUST NEEDS THE GUTS TO FIGHT WHEN IT REALLY COUNTS.

THE HORSE YOU BET ON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST.

YOU WON'T FIND ANOTHER INVESTOR AS FORWARD-THINKING AS I AM.

I'M DEEPLY INTERESTED IN YOUR COMPANY.

WHAT ARE YOU REALLY SAYING?

SIMPLY PUT...

I DON'T HAVE MONEY TO SPARE FOR A HORSE WITH NO FIGHTING SPIRIT.

WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE, I WANT IT TO BE SPECTACULAR.

JUST HOW HIGH ARE THE STAKES GOING TO BE?

I WANT YOU TO TELL ME IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

MADAM PRESIDENT.